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Every year the Missing and Exploited Children's Program in conjunction with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) hold a poster contest for 5th graders across the United States and United States Territories. This contest brings awareness of children who are missing and provides the opportunity to educate the most vulnerable age group on staying safe. The poster contest is first held on the state level, with the local winning entry competing on the national level representing Kansas.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation would like to announce the 2015 Kansas National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest winner as Kylyn Allen from Burlington, Kansas. Kylyn had this to say about the poster she created, "I created this poster because I love to draw and I want to inform people about missing children. My poster is the state of Kansas with homes and beside these houses are children and outlines of children. I did this to represent the missing children in Kansas. Also, I drew the house because I'm sure that missing children miss home and family."

On May 22, 2015 Kylyn was invited to Topeka with her parents, Dustin and Christy Allen, her grandmother, Dana Kraft, and her 5th grade teacher, Dorothy Wilson of Burlington Middle School. Upon arrival they were escorted to the Kansas State Capitol where Kylyn had the opportunity to meet Governor Sam Brownback where she witnessed the Governor signing the Kansas proclamation signifying May 25th, 2015 as Missing Children's Day.

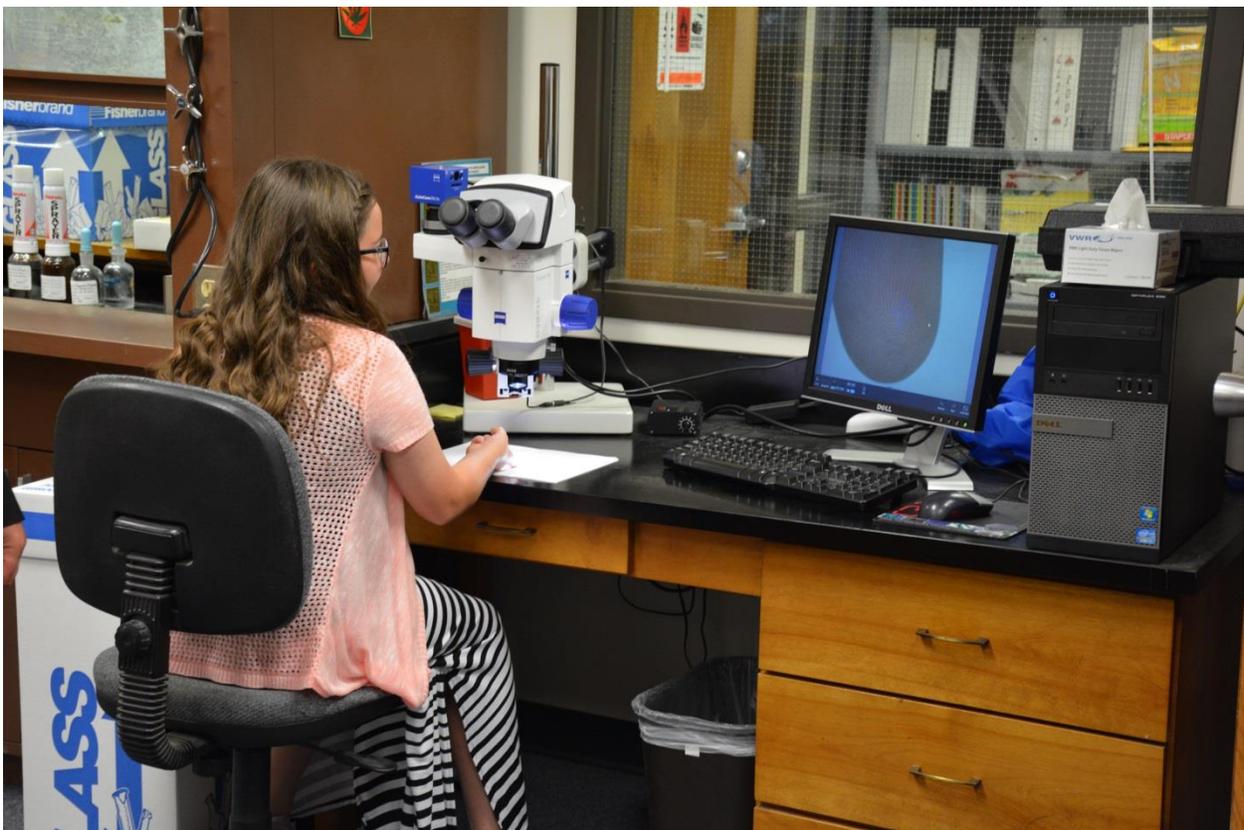
Kylyn completed her day in Topeka by touring KBI headquarters including the laboratory where she was able to interact with forensic scientists and conduct experiments which was a highlight due to her interest in the science field. Kylyn also was able to view her missing children poster submission framed for public view on the second floor at the KBI.



Kylyn meeting Governor Brownback and being recognized for her winning poster and viewing the signing of the Missing Children proclamation



L to R Dustin, Christy and Kylyn Allen, teacher Dorothy Wilson outside KBI Headquarters in Topeka



Kylyn using a microscope in the KBI Laboratory to obtain a close-up view of her fingerprint



Kylyn's winning poster

In the fall of 2015, the KBI will deliver a notification to all school districts in Kansas encouraging 5th graders to participate in this annual contest which brings attention to missing children, not only in Kansas but throughout the United States and Territories.

Please find the release and consent form signed by Dustin Allen.

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